

Executive Director Report

November 2005

Budget/Administration

- Survival BCP for additional \$30,000 approved by Resources Agency and Department of Finance for inclusion in Governor's 2006/2007 budget.
- Salary Savings during staff maternity leave (\$2,000+ per month – 3 months, to date).
- Realizing budgetary savings due to administrative streamlining (approximately \$400/month).
- New meeting location commencing January 2006 (budgetary savings/facility efficiency).
- Developing Executive Director evaluation process (commencing w/6-month review in February of 2006).

Public Affairs Strategy

Initiating a proactive approach that includes:

- Collaborating with Resources Agency Public Affairs Team (initiated);
- Developing silhouette fact sheet, upgrading web page, designing new letterhead (December);
- Developing traveling power point (will begin presentations to boards, councils, etc. in December/January);
- Developing public commentary/media strategy (November/December); and
- Constructing display for events (November/December).

Public Outreach/DPC Exposure

Getting the word out about DPC transition and visioning:

- Made presentation to Delta Chambers;
- Made presentation to Walnut Grove Rotary;
- Participated in Senator Torlakson Town Hall meeting on flood protection;
- Participated in Delta boat tours: legislators, state department directors, local governmental entities;
- Meetings with Secretary and Undersecretary for Resources, Assembly and Senate representatives, legislative committee representatives, and representatives of the Governor's office;
- Regular attendance of meetings of CALFED Action Coordination Team, Working Landscapes Sub-committee, Levees/Habitat Sub-committees, In-Channel Islands Sub-committee; Bay-Delta Authority and Bay Delta Authority Public Advisory Committee; North Delta Improvement Program; North Delta Water Agency; Contra Costa County Clean Boating Network;
- Meetings with local stakeholders, regional partners, and commissioners;
- Attended Water Education Foundation's presentation of Water on the Edge documentary and Bruce Babbitt's Cities in the Wilderness book, Stewardship Council's Celebration, and Northern California Conservation Planning Partners Conference/Workshop.

Delta Visioning Efforts

Continuing efforts to assure DPC input and to encourage compatibility and consistency amongst various visioning processes underway, as well as reiterating that CALFED “vision” is not the sole visioning process taking place:

- DPC process (initiated);
- State Parks Central Valley Vision (providing DPC input);
- AB 1200 requiring F&G/DWR vision (following process);
- Marci Coglines/Tom Zuckerman 2006 Forum (participating in planning and facilitation);
- CALFED (attending meetings and providing input when given the opportunity); and
- Little Hoover Commission review (providing input).

Facilitation

- Successful resolution of Liberty Island hunting issue.
- Providing collaborative approach for local stakeholder input into North Delta Improvement Project process.
- Facilitating status check on Resources Conservation and Development bio-energy grant to assure there is no loss of funding.
- Working with Yolo Basin Foundation and Center for Collaborative Policy to develop collaborative process tentatively to commence in December/January.
- Mercury TMDL collaborative has commenced meeting.
- Working with potential partners (RC&D/TNC/Hart Restoration) to develop grant application for Prop. 50 working landscapes grant.
- Providing input into potential creation of statewide Working Landscapes Council (potentially to be chaired by Secretaries for Resources and Food & Ag).
- Amending Commission Recreation Plan to reflect Aquatic Component of two-phase development of Master Plan.
- Participating in efforts to monitor CALFED levee subventions funding expenditures.
- Development of action plan for Land Use Plan will commence in November/December.

Projects/Correspondence

Note letters of comment on:

- University Park Project NOP (West Sacramento);
- East Cypress Corridor Draft Specific Plan/EIR (Oakley);
- Bruce Towne Walnut Grove Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (County of Sacramento);
- Freeport Landing Marina Use Permit Application (County of Sacramento).

Note:

- Yolo County Water Resources Association workshop for input into Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- New Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Conservationist.